

REMARKS

The Final Office Action dated February 9, 2006 contained a final rejection of claims 1-36. The Applicant has amended claims 1, 11, 14, 24, 27, 30, and 36. Claims 1-36 are in the case. Please consider the present amendment with the attached Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114. This amendment is in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.114. Reexamination and reconsideration of the application, as amended, are requested.

The Office Action objected to the disclosure due to minor informalities.

In response, the Applicants have amended the specification as suggested by the Examiner to overcome this objection.

The Office Action objected to claims 27, 28, and 29 as being a substantial duplicate of claim 11, 12, and 13, respectively.

In response, the Applicants have amended claim 27 to overcome this objection.

The Office Action rejected claims 1, 4-6, 11-14, 19, 24, 27-30, and 32-35 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Love et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,091,508) and Yoshida et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,130,757). The Office Action rejected claims 2, 3, 10, 15, 16-18, 23, 25, 26, 31, and 36 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Love et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,091,508) and Yoshida et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,130,757) as applied to claim 1 above, and further in view of Yang (U.S. Patent No. 6,467,087). The Office Action rejected claims 7, 9, 20, and 22 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Love et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,091,508) and Yoshida et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,130,757) as applied to claim 1 above, and further in view of Kim et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,473,788). The Office Action rejected claims 8 and 21 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Love et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,091,508) and Yoshida et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,130,757) as applied to claim 1 above, and further in view of Siwinski et al. (U.S. Patent Publication No. 2002/0015066).

The Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections based on the amendments to the claims and the arguments below. Support for the amendments can be found at least in paragraphs [0042] - [0044] of U.S. Patent Publication Serial No. 2003/0149917

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Namely, the combined references do not disclose the Applicants' newly added features of a graphical user interface for searching and locating a software bundle that represents updated software components for the multifunctional printer, wherein the graphical user interface allows a user to selectively update the printer parts; or a method of searching and locating the software bundles that represent updated software components for each multifunction printer via a web based graphical user interface and loading the software bundle on to the plural user selected multifunctional printers.

Instead, Love merely discloses downloading software to a printer to drive an external input device without downloading routines that already exist in memory of the printer (see, e.g., Love reference at col. 1, line 45 to col. 2, line 5). The Love reference refers to the already existing routines as "external" routines in that they are external to the downloaded software (see, e.g., Love reference at col. 6, lines 9-19). Further, the Love reference states at col. 6, lines 16-18: "All of these external routines are necessarily existing routines, since it is a purpose of this invention to make maximum use of routines already in the printer 1."

In contrast to the newly amended claims, the Love reference teaches downloading only the software needed to drive an input device that is external to the printer - thereby making maximum use of routines already in the printer. Although the other cited references disclose various features argued by the Examiner, none of them in combination with Love disclose the Applicants' claimed graphical user interface for searching and locating a software bundle that represents updated software components for the multifunctional printer, wherein the graphical user interface allows a user to selectively update the printer parts. In addition, the combined references do not disclose the Applicants' claimed method of searching and locating the software bundles that represent updated software components for each multifunction printer via a web based graphical user interface and loading the software bundle on to the plural user selected multifunctional printers.

Consequently, the combined references are missing at least one feature of the claimed invention, and therefore, they cannot render the invention obvious. Hence, in

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light of the above arguments, since a prima facie case of obviousness **cannot** be established, the rejection under 35 USC 103(a) should be withdrawn. ACS Hospital Systems, Inc. v. Montefiore Hospital. MPEP 2143.01.

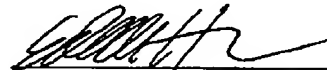
With regard to the rejection of the dependent claims, because they depend from the above-argued respective independent claims, and they contain additional limitations that are patentably distinguishable over the cited references, these claims are also considered to be patentable (MPEP § 2143.03).

Thus, it is respectfully requested that all of the claims be allowed based on the amendments and arguments. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding rejection of the claims and to pass this application to issue. Additionally, in an effort to further the prosecution of the subject application, the Applicants kindly **request** the Examiner to telephone the Applicants' attorney at **(818) 885-1575**.

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